

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 4, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 4-23-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. **(a)** A
5 commission is hereby created which shall be known as the
6 "commission on forensic sciences." ~~It~~ **The commission** shall consist of
7 **the following** five (5) members appointed by the governor:
8 **(1)** One (1) ~~shall be a~~ **forensic** pathologist.
9 **(2)** One (1) ~~shall be a~~ person engaged in police work **with an**
10 **expertise in crime scene investigation.**
11 **(3)** One (1) ~~shall be a~~ coroner. ~~and~~
12 **(4)** One (1) ~~shall be a lawyer.~~ **prosecutor.**
13 **(5)** The state health commissioner, **who** ~~shall be the fifth member~~
14 ~~of the commission and shall serve as its~~ **the commission's**
15 **secretary.**
16 **(b)** In making the appointments, the governor may consult with, but
17 shall not be bound by, the recommendation of organizations
18 representing ~~such the~~ categories of appointees. ~~In the first instance one~~
19 ~~(1) of the members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; one~~
20 ~~(1) of the members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; one~~
21 ~~(1) of the members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years and~~

one (1) of the members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.
 Thereafter, each member shall serve until his successor is appointed
 and has qualified.

(c) Members of the commission may be removed by the governor
 for cause and any vacancy shall be filled by appointment from the
 proper category. and for the unexpired term.

(d) The members shall elect one (1) of their ~~number~~ members to
 serve as ~~chairman~~ chairperson for a period of one (1) year."

Page 3, line 18, after "(1)" insert "**Whether a statewide medical
 examiner system would best serve the state. If the commission
 determines that a statewide medical examiner system is
 appropriate, the commission shall determine and include in the
 report the following:**

(A)".

Page 3, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new line double block
 indented and insert:

**"(B) The creation of medical examiner districts within
 Indiana, taking into consideration:**

(i) population;

(ii) geographical size of the area covered;

(iii) availability of trained personnel;

**(iv) death rate by both natural and unnatural causes;
 and**

(v) whether the area covered is rural or urban.

**(C) The process for selecting a district medical examiner
 and support staff.**

**(D) Training requirements for a district medical
 examiner's office.**

**(E) The employment structure of a district medical
 examiner's office.**

**(F) The services that a district medical examiner should
 provide to coroners, including:**

(i) autopsies;

(ii) medical assistance in investigating deaths;

**(iii) laboratory facilities for performing autopsies and
 investigations;**

(iv) reporting functions; and

(v) other services recommended by the commission.

**(G) The funding mechanism for and cost of the
 recommended system."**

Page 3, delete lines 26 through 42.

Page 4, delete lines 1 through 3, begin a new line block indented

- 1 and insert:
- 2 **"(3) The current county coroner system, including the**
- 3 **system's:**
- 4 **(A) cost;**
- 5 **(B) effectiveness; and**
- 6 **(C) responsiveness;**
- 7 **and methods in which to improve the current system.**
- 8 **(4) If a statewide medical examiner system described in**
- 9 **subdivision (1) is not recommended, a description of the**
- 10 **commission's recommended system, and the funding**
- 11 **mechanism for the system."**
- 12 Page 4, line 4, delete "(8)" and insert "**(5)**".
- 13 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to SB 4 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2.

Senator Miller, Chairperson